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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Preliminary majority prices were lower in the Midwest, unchanged in the Northeast and West. Trade sentiment was unsettled to cautiously steady in the Northeast due to the effects of Hurricane Floyd, about steady to weak in other areas. Retail demand was quiet, especially in the Northeast; elsewhere, generally light. Food service was fair to moderate, best into fast food channels. Supplies were fully adequate. In the parts structure, wings were in close balance and well cleared. Breast items were fully adequate to ample. Leg quarters were fully adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 09/20-09/25/99 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A (Including branded product)			COMPOSITE	
AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	TFEWR	—		
Chicago	43.00-47.00	30.00-63.50	47.57	22
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—		
Cleveland	TFEWR	—		
Denver	65.50	—		
Detroit	TFEWR	—		
Los Angeles	66.00	—		
New York	50.00-53.00	—		
Philadelphia	TFEWR	—		
Pittsburgh	TFEWR	—		
St. Louis	TFEWR	—		
San Francisco	66.50	—		
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	57.00-59.00	34.00-61.00	58.79	85

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 61.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
568	45.00-62.75	60.32
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	182.00	4,063
BREASTS - WHOLE	88.00	1,780
THIGH MEAT - B/S	59.00	558
LEG QUARTERS	22.00	8,035
WINGS	55.50	3,031

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Demand was light to fair, mostly light. Supplies ranged adequate to ample. In the parts complex, wings were about adequate for the generally fair to good demand. Breast items continued in heavy supply and slow to clear. Leg quarters were fully adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to slightly heavier weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority prices were unchanged from last week. Trade sentiment was about steady. Offerings ample. Steep discounts stimulated some buying interest but needs were only fair overall. Retail demand was best to cover features and moderate overall. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. Leg quarters and breasts were barely steady with balance of parts about steady.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries were lower in Chicago and TFEWR elsewhere. Whole fryer trade sentiment was about steady to weak. Offerings were light for the limited buyer interest. Movement into retail channels was slow to light overall. Food service demand was in a full range with some improvement noted in fastfood outlets in Ohio and Chicago. Floor stocks were at least adequate with sizes desirable to heavy. Parts trading was slow to light with features providing little interest. Trade sentiment was at least steady on wings and barely steady to weak on all other items.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally slow as most dealers reassessed needs after Hurricane Floyd. Offerings continued irregular as most plants struggled to return to normal. Retail and distributive movement was quiet. The market tone was cautiously steady. Dealers in the parts market were also cautious as they coped with the effects of the weather.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds and parts remained in disarray as a result of Hurricane Floyd's disruption in both processing and shipping channels. Seller offerings varied from plant to plant, but were generally adequate. Live supplies were moderate to heavy; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were very heavy when added to operations planned for Saturday when plants looked to catch up on time lost due to the hurricane. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 53 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. Breast cuts and leg quarters were ample, wings about adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A			
RANGE			52-69
WEIGHTED AVERAGE			59.46
NO. OF BOXES			3,603
CUMULATIVE	09/13/99-09/17/99		57.60
	09/14/98-09/18/98		70.50
NO. OF BOXES	09/13/99-09/17/99		37,541
	09/14/98-09/18/98		44,156

*3 of 8 plants reporting.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

SEP 17, 1999

ITEM	POUNDS				WTD	POUNDS				WTD	WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG		(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG		(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	762	130.00-215.00	155-160	157.03		764	130.00-215.00	150-155	154.60		3,688	165.36
TENDERLOINS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					155	150.00-200.00	-	176.77		522	169.89
BREAST - LINE RUN	137	78.00-90.00	79-80	80.19		106	81.00-90.00	81-82	81.85		622	82.10
FRONT HALVES	180	49.00-59.00	-	51.71		115	46.00-59.00	-	50.83		600	55.95
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					127	30.00-31.00	-	30.69		457	30.91
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	531	15.00-21.00	16-17	16.92		880	12.00-21.00	16-17	16.05		2,601	17.53
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	860	19.00-23.00	21-22	20.69		1,009	18.00-24.00	19-21	20.82		4,883	21.67
WINGS (WHOLE)	86	48.00-56.50	-	53.36		132	45.00-53.50	48-51	49.05		654	51.16
WINGS (CUT)	411	59.00-72.00	-	65.15		433	59.00-72.00	62-63	62.99		1,982	63.30
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT					24	37.00
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT					30	37.00
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT					TOO FEW TO REPORT					264	54.45

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS*****
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TRADING FOR SEP 16, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.

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RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
32.00 - 40.00		34.32	29.00 - 40.00		33.44	37.41

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was slow as the East Coast began to recover from the varying effects of Hurricane Floyd. Offerings were irregular as some plants had experienced flooding and labor shortages. Retail and distributive movement continued quiet. The market tone was at least steady on wings, and otherwise cautiously steady.

PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

SEP 16, 1999

ITEM	CURRENT NEG		WTD	VOL/LBS	CURRENT NEG	WTD	VOL/LBS	WTD	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*	AVG**			TRADING*	AVG**			
BREAST - B/S	150-160	163.11	173,810		150-160	162.20	534,200	167.422	122,450
TENDERLOINS	150-155	155.16	8,920		150-155	155.30	61,200	155.04	250,670
BREAST - WITH RIBS	70-71	88.71	75,400		70-71	82.89	238,160	86.31	965,880
BREAST - LINE RUN	70	71.50	100,800		70	74.91	188,520	74.47	748,160
LEGS	29-30	36.19	54,880		29-30	35.48	220,520	35.36	941,680
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	19-20	22.08	140,833		19-20	21.43	306,649	22.57	1,502,991
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	37.88	27,530		34-35	34.88	89,400	35.11	419,080
THIGHS	19-20	24.66	27,080		19-20	29.30	76,120	28.19	332,080
B/S THIGHS	70-71	70.00	9,800		70-71	70.69	38,120	70.59	145,490
WINGS (WHOLE)	53-54	62.69	92,680		53-54	65.80	154,240	61.43	876,960
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.90	9,160		10-12	12.25	22,160	12.16	99,400
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	60.64	3,240		55-60	64.28	17,344	64.46	64,854
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	48.79	12,360		40-45	49.45	28,640	49.33	122,090

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG		ACTUAL		AVG	
	09/17	09/16	09/15	09/14	09/15	09/14	09/15	09/14	09/15	09/14
ALA	4,325	3,888	3,898	3,835	5.15	5.12	4,633	5.14		
ARK	5,070	5,037	5,224	5,214	4.89	4.81	7,336	4.81		
DELMARVA	2,986	1,771	2,473	2,484	5.00	5.02	3,294	4.95		
KY-LA-TN	2,144	1,800	1,806	1,757	4.35	4.45	2,024	4.43		
MISS	3,421	2,766	2,781	2,770	4.99	4.96	3,723	4.99		
NC	2,402	836	2,542	2,466	5.56	5.65	3,211	5.59		
TEXAS	2,608	2,120	2,096	2,128	4.69	4.73	2,667	4.69		
TOTAL	22,956	18,218	20,280	20,654	4.98	4.97	26,888	4.96		
MON-FRI	103,237(A)						91,171(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 17-Sep and 18-Sep-99 is estimated to be 34,345,000 down 14.88 percent from a week ago and up 9.6 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 40,348,000; last year 31,336,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 18-Sep-99 is estimated to be 155,721,000 head up 15.2

percent from a week ago, and up 4.7 percent from a year ago

(Last week 135,122,000 Last year 148,765,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	82-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	84-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	83-88
DUCKS	135
RABBITS-WHOLE	309
RABBITS-CUT UP	326

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 93-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 107
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 104
DUCKS	DRY PACK 112
	ICE PACK 98
	ICE PACK 92
	149-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending Sep. 4, 1999 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up
-----THOUSANDS-----

Head	31,385	37,317	27,135
Avg Weight	3.74	4.86	6.12
% of total /1	33%	39%	28%

COMPARISONS

Last week	29,727	44,034	33,505
Avg Weight	3.76	4.74	5.96
% of total /1	28%	41%	31%
Same week, yr ago /2	38,710	36,411	21,298
Avg Weight	3.75	4.82	5.98
% of total /1	40%	38%	22%
To date/1999	1,145,880	1,069,633	1,439,683
To date/1998	1,241,583	1,306,369	1,003,719

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 11-Sep-99 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
HEAD	135,122 (A)	1,583	1,368	2,951	413
AVGWT	4.91	3.35	8.20	5.60	6.59
LAST WEEK	156,031	1,883	1,522	3,405	448
YR AGO	129,593	1,776	1,055	2,831	444
AVGWT	4.74	3.70	8.62	5.53	6.38
TO-DATE/1999	5,454,249	76,108	49,635	125,743	15,867
TO-DATE/1998	5,247,296	75,208	45,341	120,549	16,334

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 150.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 136.8 million head or 14.0 million head less than or 91 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY-- DATE OF AUCTION SEP 14, 1999
PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

	RANGE	RANGE
Banty Hens	1.00 - 2.75ea.	Pekin Ducks .40 - .58
Banty Roosters	2.00 - 5.75ea.	Pigeons 1.00 -1.60 ea.
Bunnies	1.50 - 6.00ea.	Pullets 4-6 .60 - .74
Crossbred Fowl 5-9	.50 - .74	Rabbits 4-6 .50 - .82
Crossbred Roosters 4-6	.60 - 1.02	Rabbits 7-11 .50 - .84
Crossbred Roosters 7-11	.30 - .96	Red Fowl 4-4.5 .20 - .44
Doves	3.50 - 5.50ea.	Red Fowl 5-6 .50 - .78
Goats	36.00 -43.00ea.	Silkie 2.50 -3.75 ea.
Guinea Fowl	3.00 - 3.35	White Pigeons 1.50 -2.00 ea.
Guinea Pigs	3.00 - 6.25ea.	
Kid Goats	15.00 -34.00ea.	
Leghorn Hens	.02 - .14	
Leghorn Roosters	.20 - .38	
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.90 - 1.22	
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.80 - .94	
Total Coops Sold	748	

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FED-STATE FOR WEEK OF 13-SEP-99

DUCKLINGS:

US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	139-140
MOSTLY	

121-125	122-126
121-123	122-124

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED
MOSTLY

ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	67-68
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	69-75

SQUABS:

PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA,RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices were unchanged. Market tone was steady. Demand was moderate. Some slaughter schedules were extended into Saturday due to larger sized birds. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18 oz boneless breast at \$4.65-5.25, legs at \$2.80-2.95, bone in legs at \$1.15-1.70, gizzards \$1.30-1.40, wings at \$0.40-.60, and leg quarters at \$1.08-1.15.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 13-SEP-99

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	117-119	118
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
AUGUST 7	154.4	156.8	98	4.68
14	157.3	155.9	101	4.85
21	155.9	155.5	100	4.81
28	159.4	154.6	103	4.85
SEPTEMBER 4	157.9	152.7	103	4.86
11	136.8	150.8	91	4.91
YEAR TO DATE	5522.1	5486.8	101	
SEPTEMBER 18		151.7		
25		153.2		

CALIFORNIA PLTRY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP W/E 11-Sep-99
IN THOUSANDS

Broilers 4,069 HD, 20,223 lbs., Light Hens 150 HD, 518 lbs., Heavy Hens 22 HD, 173 lbs.

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	9/18/99	9/11/99	%CHG	9/19/98	%CHG
Broilers	155,721	*135,122	+15	*148,765	+05
Cattle	727	*615	+18	*698	+04
Hogs	1,970	1,748	+13	*2,040	-03

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Majority prices were unchanged on light canners, and slightly lower to unchanged on heavies. Demand was moderate. Offerings were clearing but supplies were adequate to fully adequate for trade needs. Undertone was mostly steady on light's and about steady to steady on heavy canners.
CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) 25-27 MAJORITY 25-25.5 CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS) 32.5-35 MAJORITY 32.5-34 CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED
LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) 25.5-29 MAJORITY 25.5-27	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS) 32.75-36.5 MAJORITY 36-36.5

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Demand was slow for fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were irregular to normal as weather conditions had slowed processing. Undertone was steady.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY HENS Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was only fair for fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were about normal, although bad weather had slowed processing. Undertone was mixed but usually about steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIVE LIGHT HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was light for the fully adequate to ample offerings of spent fowl. Many producers were using alternative sources for the disposal of spent hens. Processor schedules generally full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT Plants schedules fairly heavy. Offerings ample.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)

<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Eastern Light	0	(1)
Eastern Light	TFEWR	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0-.5	(2)
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT